Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

The surface-treated steel sheet for a battery case ~~as set forth in claim 1~~in one embodiment is characterized by having a nickel-phosphorus alloy plating layer formed on its surface which will define the inner surface of the battery case.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 18 with the following amended paragraph:

The surface-treated steel sheet for a battery case ~~as set forth in claim 2~~in another embodiment is characterized by having a nickel plating layer formed as an under layer and a nickel-phosphorus alloy plating layer formed as a top layer on its surface which will define the inner surface of the battery case.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 23 with the following amended paragraph:

The surface-treated steel sheet for a battery case ~~as set forth in claim 3~~in a further embodiment is characterized by having an iron-nickel diffusion layer formed as an under layer and a nickel-phosphorus alloy plating layer formed as a top layer on its surface which will define the inner surface of the battery case.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

The surface-treated steel sheet for a battery case ~~as set forth in claim 4~~in another embodiment is characterized by having an iron-nickel diffusion layer formed as an under layer, a nickel layer formed as an intermediate layer and a nickel-phosphorus alloy plating layer formed as a top layer on its surface which will define the inner surface of the battery case.

Please replace paragraph [0008] **beginning at page 4, line 16 with the following amended paragraph:**

The battery case ~~as set forth in claim 8~~in another embodiment is characterized by having a nickel-phosphorus alloy plating layer formed on its inner surface.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

The battery case ~~as set forth in claim 9~~ in a further embodiment is characterized by having a nickel plating layer formed as an under layer and a nickel-phosphorus alloy plating layer formed as a top layer on its inner surface.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 23 with the following amended paragraph:

The battery case ~~as set forth in claim 10~~in another embodiment is characterized by having an iron-nickel diffusion layer formed as an under layer

and a nickel-phosphorus alloy plating layer formed as a top layer on its inner surface.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 2 with the following amended paragraph:

In another embodiment ~~T~~the battery case ~~as set forth in claim 11~~ is characterized by having an iron-nickel diffusion layer formed as an under layer, a nickel layer as an intermediate layer and a nickel-phosphorus alloy plating layer formed as a top layer on its inner surface.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

The battery case ~~as set forth in claim 14~~ of still another embodiment is a battery case ~~as set forth in any of claims 8 to 13~~ as described above and formed by a deep drawing, DI or DTR method.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

The embodiment of a battery ~~as set forth in claim 15~~ is characterized by employing a battery case as ~~set forth in any of claims 8 to 14~~ described above and packing its interior with cathode and anode active materials.